



FLYING SAUCER

NEWS

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LINKING UP

LAST issue, we noted the formation of several over-seas Saucer organisations, and it is with the greatest pleasure that we now announce that the FLYING SAUCER CLUB is now in contact with no less than five of these.

More details will be found on page 6, together with notes on their journals and activities.

It is to be hoped that by the closest co-operation between all Groups, the day when the TRUTH is known will be brought nearer.

The possibility of the setting up of a kind of World Headquarters would seem to be a sound idea - provided that such an organisation had the necessary facilities for dealing with the vast amount of material there is to be handled.

OUR OVERSEAS MEMBERS

We find ourselves becoming a very International organisation, now having members in such wide-spread countries as Norway, Sweden, S.Africa, Nigeria, Cyprus, Malaya, India, Australia, New-Zealand and the U.S.A.

Several of these are doing a fine job of being our "Overseas Correspondents" sending in cuttings to us of Saucer reports and articles, etc., which help us a great deal in obtaining all-round pictures of the World-wide saucer situation.

Y O U CAN HELP, TOO

All members are urged to keep a look-out (though we need hardly say this, we know!) for saucer items in the press - and, where possible, to send them in to the "NEWS".

The National press has long - since ceased to carry Saucer reports - they seem to think that the topicality has worn off..... and so it is left to the smaller local papers to report sightings - mostly local, but - sometimes - through the Agencies of a distant occurrence.

SAUCER ARTICLES....

Several very fascinating articles, from American Magazines, have come into our hands recently and we feel that many FSC members would welcome the opportunity of reading these. As they are most of them far too long for inclusion in these pages, we are considering a scheme whereby duplicated copies of the articles may be made available to members.

Whether we can carry out this scheme, and also the cost of each article (probably 4d to 6d) will depend largely upon the number of them likely to be required.

If those interested would care to drop a postcard to Headquarters, they will, in due course receive a list of articles that are available.

R.H.

The F.S.C.

"CONTACT COLUMN" -
or Postal Saucerers.

The following members
would like to correspond
with fellow-members or
other interested readers:

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50 Green Lane, Halton, Leeds -
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nearby. Males only.

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or Canada; is an aeromodeller).

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Juniors:

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Accrington, Lancs.

J.G. McGuinness, Junior School,
The College, Worksop, Notts -
(Hobbies: short-wave radio, and
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seas correspondent.

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THAT MENZEL BOOK.....

Last issue, we promised we would
review Prof. Menzel's book, "Fly-
ing Saucers". (Putnam, 21s.)

Since then, many reviews have
appeared in the press, including
those by no lesser persons than
the Astronomer Royal, and the
critics of "The Times Literary
Supplement", "The Sphere" and so
on. Further to this, the B.B.C.
presented a broadcast review of
the book, given by Prof. A.C.B.
Lovell, (Professor of Radio-Ast-
ronomy at Manchester University)
which was published, with illus-
trations, in "The Listener" for
June 18th. 1953.

We feel, therefore, that a
lengthy review of the book is
called for. The neatest summ-
ing up we have seen was that given
in "Science Newsletter" (Washing-
ton), which said:

"'Flying Saucers are real' -
this Astronomer says - 'as real
as a rainbow and no more danger-
ous'. The cause of most of the
real saucers is to be found in the
effects of mist, ice-crystals or
mirages, singly or jointly, he be-
lieves".

We would only add to this
that - in fact - Menzel appears
to claim all Saucers as coming
under his "Natural" explanation
and not just 'most' of them. We
agree that the phenomena mention-
ed may account for a proportion
of "sightings" - and very inter-
esting reading they make, too -
but there are those which simply
will NOT fit in - and which, of
course, Prof. Menzel either ignor-
es or dismisses as imagination.

We wrote to Professor LOVELL,
and - though he declined further
comment - he offered to pass on
any reports he receives.....

BIG EVENTS PREDICTED FOR AUGUST !

We are reminded - from several sources - that a "World-shaking" event has been predicted to take place between August 20th & 26th of this year.

Nostradamus, it appears, prophesied it - and it is written in the Pyramids, according to our informants. The event has been widely talked of, too, in astrological circles - where it had also been foretold.

All mention reaching us has been unaccountably vague, however, and we should be glad if someone who possesses a copy of the works of Nostradamus - or any other work which gives these predictions in detail - would kindly come forward with a specific quotation.

Apparently there is no positive mention of anything like a Saucer-landing - though one might be excused for hoping that this is what it will be - (the American groups seem fairly certain of it). At anyrate, it's a much more pleasant thought than the other alternative - a Third World War!

ANOTHER FORTHCOMING SAUCER BOOK

AN Author by the name of DESMOND LESLIE has been responsible for some rather startling letters to the press recently. We quote here, from his letters printed in "THE OBSERVER" and the "BRISTOL EVENING POST": -

"I have been engaged for the last two years solely with the investigation of flying saucers, and I now feel in a position to make a statement. After studying over two thousand sightings in this century, and several hundred historic reports, plus a few score of ancient Sanskrit books, we feel that it is safe to say that:

1. Saucers are mostly interplanetary, originating from both within and without the solar system.
2. It seems there was never a time in our planet's long history when it was not visited, or passed in transit, by spacecraft of some description.
3. A recent translation of some old Sanskrit books leads us to believe that at one time a simple form of flying saucer was actually built on Earth; and that interplanetary communion was known and practised by that great civilisation which perished in the catastrophe of circa 9460 B.C.

".....Several years ago, a special observatory was set up by private funds, in America, with the express purpose of solving the problem and obtaining convincing photographs, one way or the other to prove or disprove the existence of extra-terrestrial flying saucers. After hundreds of attempts, a dozen telescopic photographs were taken, showing in great detail not one, but three distinct types of space craft which in their construction and conception, differ from anything that might ever have been built on Earth.

"VERY RECENTLY, ONE OF THE SMALLER TYPE OF SAUCERS LANDED, AND ITS OCCUPANT ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE SEEN BY A MIXED GATHERING OF ORDINARY TERRESTRIAL MEN AND WOMEN, WHOSE SWORN AFFIDAVITS AND FULL REPORTS AS TO THE TRUTH OF THEIR EXPERIENCE I NOW HAVE IN MY SAFE-KEEPING.

"We are like a small desert island; we think we are everything, until one day great ocean liners are seen passing by. We chase them in our pathetic little coracles and are peeved when they outpace us. Then, one day, a little pinnacle puts in to shore, and some of our natives see a 'white man' for the first time. No wonder the local witch doctors say it is all 'illusion'. Too many of them will be out of jobs when the truth is known".

((END OF QUOTE)).

We learn from Mr. Charles Davy, Assistant Editor of THE OBSERVER, that Desmond Leslie's book (not yet titled, as far as we know) is to be published by Messrs. Werner Laurie & Co., London - probably in the Autumn. Such a book will be interesting, to say the very least - and here is what Mr. Davy has to say about some of the PHOTOGRAPHS it will contain ('Observer', 3/5/53):-

"I have recently seen some photographs purporting to be of a saucer which landed not long ago in California. The object photographed is a solid, dome-shaped, metallic structure - certainly not an atmospheric illusion of any kind. Clearly, this is either a very startling story or a thoroughgoing and skilful hoax. The odds are obviously in favour of a hoax, but there seem to be no deadsure grounds for a final verdict either way at present...."

ARE WE GETTING PHYSICAL PROFF AT LAST ?

"The appearance in the sky of a fleet of objects of diverse shapes and colours, accompanied by a rain of white threads, is an absolutely new phenomenon in the annals of Flying Saucers...."

So says "Ouranos" No.3 (see our note in p.7). The incident occurred at OROLOU, in France, on October 17th last. When the threads which were likened to spider-webs, were handled, they disintegrated, leaving no trace.

Similar threads are now reported from NEW ZEALAND. Reports state that the fine, threadlike substance, found on telegraph wires, fences and lawns at ONGAONGA, near Hastings, in April, was white - and not unlike "candy floss" - and it also disintegrated in the hand. Pieces were up to five feet long, it was said. They had apparently alighted overnight, since at the time there had been no daylight saucer sightings in the district.

We most earnestly hope that some of this elusive substance will be 'captured intact' and analysed - but will we hear the result, if this is done?

Members will recall the report, in our Spring number, of the MYSTERY OBJECT said to have landed at Rusape, Rhodesia, and then being examined by experts. Nothing more has been heard about the object. We wrote to Dr. Graham White to ask for details but have received no reply. Has the matter been "hushed-up" - or was the object just of ordinary "earthly" material? WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Still more possible physical evidence of the nature of saucers comes from "SAUCERS" - the journal of "Flying Saucers International" mentioned elsewhere in this issue. This says that one of F.S.I.'s correspondents discovered a three-foot sphere, with a revolving disc inside. It disintegrated (a common feature, this, it seems) and the fragments proved to be highly magnetic. Analysis showed that they were of COBALT in its native (free) state, which - says the article - is not found on this earth!

And then there was the piece of black, plastic-like, non-inflammable material, found after the "Green Monster" mystery, that took place at Flatwoods, West Virginia, last September. The story was widely reported - but not the detail about the piece of material, reports on this are still awaited.....

GERMAN ENGINEER'S STORY

The West German newspaper "Die Welt", published in April an interview with a German engineer who claimed that the Nazis had developed successful prototypes of Flying Saucers just before the end of the war, which they intended using as secret weapons. He said that he was present at a test-flight at Prague, in February 1945, when a piloted Saucer climbed to 38,000ft in three minutes, and did 1,350 mph in level flight.

The Saucer, which the man - George Klein - claims to have seen, was non-rotating and of 140ft diameter, built by the secret weapon expert, Miethe. He said, further, that in Breslau, on of Miethe's experimental Saucers fell into the hands of the Russians.....

"SAUCERS CAUSE TEMPESTS" SAYS SWISS

A Swiss mathematician and weather expert believes that World War III may be waged by Flying Saucers rather than atomic bombs. The Saucers, he says, will defeat the enemy by causing thunderstorms and hurricanes. The scientist, Professor Nicolet, believes that a Flying Saucer causes violent turbulence in the rarefied higher atmosphere. The resulting eddies in the air gather intensity, on the snowball principle, until they affect the earth.

He predicted that the chief use of Flying Saucers in another war would be to prevent 'planes carrying atomic bombs from leaving their airfields.

OTHER SAUCER GROUPS - HERE AND ABROAD

Since the publication of our Spring number, in which was mentioned the existence of several kindred organisations, we have now contacted - or been contacted by - the following groups:

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION (New Zealand).

President: H.H.Fulton. Comprises technical experts in various fields of science, and is doing trojan work in investigating the many local reports of sightings which flared up last October. We have received a copy of their excellent 14-page cyclostyled publication, "Flying Saucers", in which special reference is made to co-relating reports of blue and green discs, noted in our own list of sightings last issue.

INTERNATIONAL FLYING SAUCER BUREAU. (Bridgeport, Conn., U.S.A.).

British Representative, Capt. E.L.PLUNKETT,
71 Chedworth Road, Horfield, Bristol, 7.

We have been corresponding - at some length - with Capt., Plunkett, and have received a copy of the I.F.S.B.'s October 1952 journal, "SPACE REVIEW" (No.1.). Later copies are currently awaited. This, No.1., is 12 pages - printed, and, we are assured that the publication goes from strangeth to strength.

Capt.Plunkett has meetings at his home in Bristol, where several local members get together to discuss 'anything from F.S. to parapsychology and the Occult' - and they have even tried having seances, with a member who is a medium. They also give talks and lantern lectures to local organisations. Membership is 5/- annually and includes card and subscription to the U.S.-published "SPACE REVIEW". We recommend our Bristolian members - and others for that matter - to make contact with Capt.Plunkett.

FLYING SAUCERS INTERNATIONAL. (Los Angels, U.S.A.)

President: M.B.Miller.

A very active Group. Has issued numerous releases etc., and we have just received their first issue of 'SAUCERS' - a photolith publication of four pages, nicely produced and featuring a photo by 'Prof.G.Adamski'. (An advantage of the Photolith process - but it's rather expensive!). This Group is organising the

WORLD'S FIRST FLYING SAUCER CONVENTION

to be held at the Hollywood Hotel, California, August 16th.17th and 18th. We wish this enterprising venture every success - and await its conclusions and decisions with intense interest. The F.S.C. has been invited - and we only wish it were possible for a Rep. to attend.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

Secretary: L.T.Whitney. Committee includes civil, electronic and electrical engineers, industrial chemists, etc. Chair-man is a former R.A.A.F Flying Officer, now a journalist, and the President

and Secretary are both past Presidents of the Astronomical Society of Victoria. Mr. Whitney sent us copies of some 14 reports - or rather - affidavits of the witnesses - even more convincing. No journal is published as yet, but they are doing fine work in obtaining these eye-witness accounts.

"OURANOS" - A FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

Though not exactly an 'organisation' in the sense that the others are, "OURANOS" has, we gather, a not inconsiderable circulation. On seeing it, this does not surprise us, for it is a very excellent little magazine, letterpress printed and with a decorative cover. As will be seen from our heading, it is partly in English and partly in French (the majority of present subscribers being French we understand). The April 1953 edition runs to 26 pages (7" x 5") and contains much material on Saucers and allied subjects.

"OURANOS" is printed in England, by Mr. E. Biddle, 1513 High Road, Whetstone, London, N.20. - from whom further particulars may be had.

Mr. Biddle says: "It seems to me that 'F.S.NEWS' and 'OURANOS' are complementary to each other" - a view we fully endorse, and we look forward to full mutual collaboration, as indeed we do with all Saucer-groups everywhere.

JOTTINGS FROM MEMBERS

"There have been many reports here in N.Z., and if any further ones come to hand, I will pass them on to you. I am absolutely convinced that Saucers are not imaginary, as the authorities try to put across; they are trying to cover up something sinister!"

Mervyn L. Matthews, Otorohanga, N.Z.

"I am very pleased with the 'NEWS' and everything, as I think it is high time that Britain had a Club of this sort....."

L.A.C. Peter Swindell. R.A.F. Changi, Singapore.

"....I was particularly impressed by the 'NEWS'; in a field so crowded with 'crackpots' it is indeed a pleasure to encounter a group that is aware of the situation, yet content to refrain from sensationalism".

Don Berliner. Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

AND A BRIQUEBAT???

"....I KNOW they are real - I've seen one..... Hoping you'll take a more serious interest in what you've started - it's no joke when the U.S. Air Force sets up a special board to investigate..."

F.X. Gruber. Albany, New York, U.S.A.

(Mr. Gruber very kindly sent us several complete articles, extracted from various American publications, for which we are much indebted to him. We have also assured him that we DO take a VERY serious interest in all Saucer phenomena - but we don't see the need to be over-serious, or melodramatic in the way in which we present it. Not at present, at anyrate! - Ed.)

LATEST BRITISH SIGHTINGS:

SAUCER SEEN OVER SHEFFIELD

Three Sheffield youths, all aged 16, saw a flying saucer over the outskirts of the city, on April 20th., last.

This was reported in the "Sheffield Telegraph" (24/4/53) with a photograph of the youths - Terry Platts, Brian Davies and Allan Green - and also accompanied by an artist's impression of the saucer. Not content with this, we contacted the stepfather of one of the boys, and here is what he had to say:-

"The 'Saucer' was observed for at least 25 minutes in good light and, on close questioning, their accounts coincided on every main point.

"The newspaper account seems to have formed the wrong impression as to the speed. The point that seemed to strike them (the boys) as strange, was how slow it could fly. It could dive, or hang suspended in the air, stop and start at will! What power of propulsion do we know that could allow an object of such shape to perform so?

"The newspaper doesn't quite give as true an impression as the boys gave. It was so: (diagram)-



Witness' sketch.



Newspaper's.

"For most of the time it appeared edge-on, but towards the end of the observation it banked and went away, and they were able to observe its circular shape. On moving, it left a long trail of flame ending in black smoke - which stopped when the craft stopped".

LOWESTOFT SIGHTING

"At 8pm on Tuesday, April 21st. there was a strange object in the sky to the north of Lowestoft. To the naked eye it was little more than a bright white spot, but through a telescope it resembled a plastic lighter-fuel container, both in colour and shape, i.e. cylindrical and sharply pointed at one end.

"When we first saw this object it was moving in a south-west direction, then turned north-east and after about 30 minutes had disappeared....

"The telescope we used was an astronomical type, giving a magnification of 200 times. We are both members of the ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS and have never seen anything like this before."

The above is a letter quoted from the "Eastern Evening News" (Norwich) of 23/4/53, and signed by the writers, Messrs. C.E.Rawson and L.C.Peck.

Following this came a report that, on the same evening, spectators at a football match in the same district saw what was

said to have looked "like the evening star", due east, at 7 pm. Gradually the object moved round until it was in the south-east at 8.15pm - after which it was lost in the dusk.

Letters from several more witnesses, from neighbouring districts, followed this account, including a further pair of R.O.C. men, who watched it from 6.45pm to 8.30pm.

SAUCER OVER DUNOON

"It was perfectly round, and appeared to be spinning in a clockwise direction - and from where I stood, looked about the size of a football" (said Mr. Sidney Callow). "It just appeared out of the clouds for a few seconds, stood on its edge and then went straight upwards and was lost from sight". Mr. Callow's wife saw it too. It seemed to be quite a dull object and it left a black trail behind it. Visibility was about ten miles at the time, and the cloud ceiling was about 5,000 to 6,000 feet.

(The above comprises quotations from the 'Glasgow Herald' and the 'Glasgow Evening Times' - incident occurred 21/6/53).

EDINBURGH

May 5th. - travelling at great speed, due north - visible for five minutes, around 8.30pm. Rocket-like object, with a brush-like tail. ('Scotsman' - 12/5/53).

BIRMINGHAM

May. 11th.: Silvery object moving slowly above the clouds, caused queries to Edgebaston observatory, who said "We, too, have seen the object and cannot properly identify it". They suggested it might be "a slowly leaking balloon".

('Birmingham Mail' - 11/5/53).

MANCHESTER

June 18th.: "In the centre of a pale green brilliance was a dim vertical ray, not unlike a searchlight. Seeming to come from the top of this ray, two orange-red lights.... travelled south west, keeping a steady distance between them at first, but finally converging and disappearing.... there was a definite absence of sound".

('Evening Chronicle' - 24/6/53).

WINDERMERE

June 25th.- 4.0pm. Sighted by W.P. Campbell (Editor of "Andromeda" - see panel, p.2.) Metallic grey disc, leaving trail of vapour. Visible for about a minute. At about 2,000 ft. - travelling at less than 60 mph - in a north/south direction. (The following afternoon 'tropical storms' and flooding descended upon the district. Any connection with 'Tempests' - p.5. - we wonder?).

BACK NUMBERS....

We still have a few copies of the SPRING '53 number, which may be had from H.Q. at 7¹/₂d including postage.

THEORIES AND COMMENTS.....

First, following in the wake (if we may be excused the pun!) of the last "STAR LETTER", come two snappy rejoinders...

"Miss Wake might have gone on to say that, of course, it seems inherent in mankind that he cannot tolerate the thought of the existence of a race of beings cleverer or more noble than himself. Should such a race of beings be proved to exist - why, the human race might die out as a result of the psychoses which would arise from this blow to its ego!"

A.F. - Birmingham.

"....she claims that Mars and Venus are the 'only planets in our solar system capable of supporting life as we know it'. She should have said 'as some scientists know it'. It was recently discovered that the universe is twice as far out as we previously knew it. Our scientific instruments are quite inaccurate. This goes for the spectroscope, also. Did you know that a Harvard professor recently said there was an atmosphere on the moon capable of supporting life?...."

M.B.Miller. Los Angeles, U.S.A.

"I believe absolutely they are from another planet. The power is magnetic, but with rockets for start, landing and corrections in flight....."

Arne Friberg. Tyringe, SWEDEN.

"There is an interesting theory, on how they make their journey through space. I believe some scientists are working on the theory at the present time - at least I hope so! The Saucers revolve rapidly on a certain vibration, or wave-pattern, and this allows them to proceed along a 'channel'. The result is that vast space distances are no object, and the Saucers can go through space in a comparatively short time."

Geoffrey Cook. Halton, Leeds.

"Where are they from? - out of space, of course! They have to be. These machines are too well refined to be built on Earth. Mars and Venus both have atmospheres.... could send observation ships to look us over. My own opinion is that they use the gravitational pull of planetary bodies to travel through space..... speed could be beyond 440,000 m.p.h. - giving an overall time of 80 minutes for the round trip from Venus. Let us hope they will remain friendly, as they have been so far - they could well advance our knowledge in ways of peace and goodwill when they finally land here".

F.X.Gruber. Albany, New York.

*** THIS IS YOUR SECTION; WRITE IN WITH YOUR VIEWS & COMMENTS! ***

(N.B. The views expressed above are those of the writers, and do not denote that the Editor is in any way responsible for or associated with, those views. All are free to comment - whether it be "for" or "against" Saucers!).



STAR LETTER

The Flying Saucer & the
"Abominable Snowman" -
is there a connection?

"HAVING been interested and fascinated by the Saucer sightings ever since the first reports of them, and studied eye-witness accounts - especially those of trained observers and Air Force personnel - I firmly believe they are a fact, and come from another planet. The Air Ministry seem to differ, however, but if they are afraid to leave themselves open to ridicule and admit such a possibility, why leave themselves open to a greater degree by clumsily describing them as 'smoke rings' and 'Met.balloons' - whoever heard of a balloon cruising through the skies and then suddenly changing direction and shooting off at meteoric speed? And if a smoke ring can be picked up on radar, that is beyond my knowledge!

"Being such a firm believer in the Saucer as a visitor from space, I naturally have my pet theory.

"First I wish to state that I have never heard of an authentic story of a Saucer having landed here, but I believe they have. There are vast waste spaces where they could come and go as they pleased - such as polar regions and the remote Himalayan mountains. Many of the sightings have been made near mountain ranges, and it is because of this fact that I connect that other great mystery - the 'Abominable Snowman' - with the Flying Saucer.

"Having linked the two mysteries, I constructed the idea that they chose the Himalayan peaks as a base, either because the rarefied atmosphere and conditions were more comparable to their home base, or perhaps because from these places they would be able to observe the Earth with little or no interference from us - the creatures known as 'Abominable Snowmen' being the visitors themselves, glimpsed wandering about.

"I advance my theory on the basis that both mysteries co-incide. Some members may support me, and others will disagree; that is natural, but I shall be interested to hear, through 'F.S.NEWS', the opinions of other members".

L. NOLAN. Bradford, Yorks.

Mr.Nolan has by now received his award for this novel and interesting theory - a copy of Donald Keyhoe's "THE FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL" - the classic of F.S. books.

Incidentally, if you already have a copy of this, do not let it deter you from sending us your views! We can always arrange an alternative award. Club transfers and Stationery, for instance - or a couple of years' free subscription.....

SHORT LIST OF SIGHTINGS SINCE APRIL
(Excluding British Sightings, detailed within).

- APRIL 20th. KOREA: White, shiny wingless object, 10ft diameter, moving at 60-80mph - 100ft from ground - 25 miles east of Panmunjom. Visible 15min. Witnessed by 7 U.S. Officers.
- MAY 16th. AVONTUUR (S.Africa): Round metal ball with torpedo-shaped dome in front. Travelled silently westwards, emitting sparks. Several witnesses, various areas.
- MAY 17th. MACKAY (N.Queensland, Australia): Commercial airline pilot sighted "flying fishbowl" from his DC-3. It crossed his path and "disappeared westwards at terrific speed". Control tower officials also reported the object.
- MAY 18th. ROCKHAMPTON (Australia): Silver, crescent-shaped object, sighted with theodolite, at airport. Size of pin-head to naked eye. Changed course several times. (Later reports stated that it was the planet Venus).
- MAY 20th. BRUSSELS: Moon-like discus, with white ring round it. It made a noise "like a vibrating sheet of tin, accompanied by explosions like a machine-gun". Photographed by a "Le Peuple" cameraman, near Charleroi.
- JUNE 2nd. DARLINGTON (Wisconsin, U.S.A.): Enormous blue-white light, "like a 2nd moon", moving across southern sky at about 70mph - 3.15am. Paused, suspended for 15min - then made off on different course. No noise. Height: 4-5,000ft.
- JUNE 20th. MARBLE CREEK (Calif. U.S.A.): Two miners asked Sheriff's permission to shoot at a midget-manned Flying Saucer that keeps invading their diggings. Has landed twice, and "a little man got out and scooped up water in a shiny pail, handing it to someone inside". (Previous landing May 20th) They were told not to shoot, but to "grab it" next time....

"BALL-FLASH" - OR 'SAUCER' ?

Two F.S.C. members - D.W. Haspell and J.T. Osborne - report observing a red ball in the sky, on May 25th., at 5.06 pm., during a thunderstorm at Bakewell, Derbyshire. It was moving, and remained in sight for some 15 seconds. (We have not yet heard from Herr Walcher Eduard (see Spring Issue p.5) - but this may have been something in the nature of the 'Ball-flash lightning' of his. - Ed.)

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